

Map 7 gives the thoroughfare plan suggested by the Planning Board, except for the relocation of US 321 mentioned above. The arterial system of the plan features the use of the existing US 321 roadway to the north (Carolina Avenue) and to the south-east, continuing to utilize Main Street as the chief route through town. Additional arterial streets are the combination of Fourth Avenue, Cemetery Street and SR 1810 to the northeast; SR 1855 (Little Mountain Road) to the east; SR 1969 to the south-east; SR 2003 (South Main Avenue) to the south; SR 2005 (West Side Street and South "D" Avenue) to the southwest; and SR 2007 (West Main Street) to the west. These arterials need to be upgraded by widening in some sections, realigning where needed, and some intersection angles improved. This improvements should be made, based on traffic study by the N.C. State Highway Commission, giving due consideration to traffic volumes and trip destinations. For example, the western arterial from West Main Street will probably need considerable realignment due to hazardous curves. This will be even more important if US 321 is in fact relocated to the west of town and traffic increases in that direction.

A crosstown traffic system is also suggested by the thoroughfare map, largely utilizing existing streets with connection of some deadend sections. Railroad Avenue and South Main Avenue would be major north-south connectors, as would Fourth Avenue just east and the proposed connection of "D" Avenue in the west end of town. Major east-west crosstown sections include Klutz Street and its proposed extension to Fourth Avenue in the northern part of town, and the proposed linking of sections of Pine Street in the southern part of town.